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Wm. Garrison:

Sir

I have at last, succeeded in finding a C. H. pamphlet, a copy of which I mailed to your address some three months since, which please find enclosed. I beg you to excuse its soiled condition. The proposed law as briefly outlined therein has received the written endorsement of quite a large number of influential and benevolently disposed persons. It was intended to be an appendix to a large pamphlet, setting out somewhat in extenso, my reasons in support of the proposed law. Physical indisposition

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interposed a veto to my labors. and the matter has remained in statu quo, but the prospects are now flattering that I shall soon be able to begin the work, and be equal to the labor required to complete the same.

To the commercial, speculative, money making and morally uncultured classes, this C. H. movement, as shadowed forth in this pamphlet, would, unexplained, be characterized either as wild, fanatical and utopian, or one offering a premium on improvidence and idleness. But to your well trained mind, the reasons for the movement, will doubtless readily suggest themselves.

In our brief experience, we have witnessed a complete revolution,

in the industrial and distributive departments of our country, through the dominating influence of labor saving machinery. With the forces of material wealth gravitating by a law of necessity, to the Capitalistic few, the weaker wing of labor is gradually being sifted out and left comparatively helpless, with a tendency, more or less rapid, towards the bummer and criminal classes. Poverty, mendicancy, insanity, suicide, homicide, and almost every conceivable form of criminal action, is increasing vastly beyond the ratio of the growth of population. In a country comparatively in its infancy, with a territory equal in extent and natural resources, for housing, feeding and clothing in luxurious abundance, every man,

woman and child now existing
on the surface of our planet; with
labor-saving machinery, competent
to perform the work of 350 millions
of men, a number more than Equal
to the entire adult male population
of our earth, there are within the vi-
cinity of 1,500,000, in our midst
who are doomed to enforced
idleness, portially or contenu-
ously. We have all the marks of age,
decrepitude and decay, that char-
acterize the effete monarchies,
and empires of the old world.
Over slothful or rather wasteful
system of cultivation of the soil
and over destruction of forests, is pre-
paring it for a future desert.
The frightful chasm between the
employed and the unemployed,
is slowly but continuously widen-
ing. The entire difficulty is that
the life sources, being in the possession
of a very small number of persons

Comparatively, they are enabled, by means of the innumerable Mechanical Contrivances, for Material production, to glut the Market — because the producing power, is immeasurably greater than the purchasing capacity — not the needs — of the people. Outside of a few leading staples, it costs more to sell goods than it does to make. On numerous articles of use and necessity we are forced to pay 2, 3, 4 & sometimes, more than half — a dozen times more than the original Cost of production. This difficulty is not temporary, but chronic; not local, but universal; not confined to the United States, but is chronic in all the so called civilized governments of the world. Each of these governments, including our own

is employing its legislative
diplomatic departments, to
enlarge its area of foreign mar-
kets for the sale of its surplus
stocks, and to protect its home
markets from the invasion of
foreign productions. Would
the market justify the effort to
ductions, could easily be doubled
and tripled. With all these vast
surplus of production over the
purchasing capacity of the
people, 75 per cent of whom
could increase their expenditures
2, 3 & 4 fold without being ex-
travagant, only about one fifth
of male adults are really en-
gaged in genuine productive
industry. The present cut throat
system of competition, leads to in-
numerable frauds in the produc-
tion of goods & the doctoring
or debasing of good articles.
What is needed is to place the

surplus population upon the land, by the consent of course, of those who prefer a home, labor & co operation, to dependence, idleness & competition.

There are now three classes or races, which really jeopardize the peace & prosperity of the nation to wit:

First. The Indian.

Second. The Freedmen, &

Third. The unemployed, partially employed & poorly paid whites.

And yet each of the classes above named is rich in the resources that ruler largely into the composition of material wealth. There are no better laborers than the Colored man, if he only has a ghost of a show. The indian when recognized and treated like a human being, will demonstrate his claims to manhood.

Under my C. system he can be placed on the high road to wealth & culture with half the expenditure, it requires to feed & fight him.

In our barbarous competitive system, the man of average ability, has no possible show to be more than a wage slave. however honest, industrious & frugal he may be, he can have no certainty of constant or partial employment. By our land system we deprive men the right to dwell upon the soil; pull them up, as it were, by the roots, & then because they wilt, morally decompose & become a nuisance, we denounce & punish them, because they are just what we made them, and urge their condition, as being the result of choice, as a

reason why they should be compelled to provide therein.

If "man has a natural and inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," and that is the accepted doctrine of the Am. people, it logically follows that a natural and inalienable right to all those means that Nature has provided, which are essential for the maintinance of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. If then our government will authorize the few, as it virtually does, to monopolize the land, and by means of that monopoly, to take into their coffers, the lion's share of the productions of the labor of others, let him be taxed to procure a home and the cash means for the landless & homeless to obtain

a fair start in the race of life. Cooperation is a dominating principle of the material — & we have a right to infer it is equally so in the spiritual — universe. The planetary system is conducted on the cooperative system. The very air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat, the clothes we wear, are the product of cooperation. Our government is constructed in harmony therewith. Minerals, animals, & plants are subject to the same universal law. How admirably this principle is illustrated in a human being. But enough of this. It is getting late & I must terminate this scribble. Perhaps you will be able to make something out of this. I intended to point out particularly how admirably adopted was this system to meet the present necessities of the poor friendmen. Shame on the republican party for leaving them at the mercy of the white savages. The reconstruction was a farce. Excuse with me your judgment on my C. H. plan.

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